



**Fresno County Sheriff's Department**  
Margaret Mims, Sheriff  
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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Sheriff Mims Announces Promotion  
Of Undersheriff And Others.**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced her selection for Undersheriff and other promotions.

Captain Scott Jones, a 23 year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, has been promoted to Undersheriff. Jones started with the department in 1983 when he was hired as a Special Guard. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and Lieutenant in 2002. In 2004, Jones became a Captain and was assigned to the Detention Bureau. The position of Undersheriff is a new position in Sheriff Mims' administration. Jones will be responsible for day to day operations regarding personnel and budgetary issues at the Sheriff's request.

The other promotions announced today are the following;

Correctional Lieutenant Marilyn Weldon has been promoted to Correctional Captain. Weldon started her career with the Sheriff's Department in 1978 when she was hired as a Correctional Officer. She worked through the ranks and has been a Lieutenant since 1994.

Sergeant Michael Brand, currently assigned to the Sheriff's Training Unit, has been promoted to Lieutenant. Brand is a 26 year veteran of the department has worked a variety of assignments including narcotics and SWAT.

Deputy Jose Salinas, a 7 year veteran of the Sheriff's Homicide Unit, has been promoted to Sergeant. Salinas was hired by the department in 1996.

**Deputy Scott Moore, hired by the Sheriff's Department in 1999, has been promoted to Sergeant. He is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau and has prior law enforcement experience with the Selma Police Department.**

**Deputy Troy Paul has been promoted to Sergeant. He has been with the Sheriff's Department for 12 years. He is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau.**

**Correctional Officer Nikia Blathers has been promoted to Correctional Sergeant. She was hired with the department in 1998.**

**All of the promotions are effective as of 3-26-07. A swearing in ceremony is scheduled for 4-10-07, at 9:30am at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in downtown Fresno. The ceremony will be open to the public.**